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Mr. de la Grandville referred to a conversation which he had had with Mr. Elbrick and myself on May 12 (concerning possible action which might extend the "use of military force" in the event of a possible second blockade of Berlin.) Mr. de la Grandville said the Embassy had now received instructions from Paris saying that studies had already taken place in Bonn on this matter and the Quai d'Orsay thought it a good thing to renew these studies in Bonn in liaison with the three capitals concerned.

The Quai d'Orsay added that it considers it particularly appropriate to re-commence these discussions to decide the attitude which we should adopt in view of the meeting on May 20 between the three Ambassadors and the Soviet High Commissioner.

Mr. de la Grandville added that we had suggested these matters be discussed in Bonn in concurrence with the three Allied Commanders in Germany as well as the Commandants. While Paris did not directly answer this question, Mr. de la Grandville believes that it is Paris's views that the discussions should begin in Bonn between the three Ambassadors and then they should take their natural course.

I expressed gratitude for the cooperative attitude displayed by the Quai d'Orsay.

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